

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

State of South Carolina (SC)  
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)  
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
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### **NOTICE OF A DRAFT NESHAP (40CFR63) / SYNTHETIC MINOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO LIMIT POTENTIAL TO EMIT**

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY  
1 NORTH SECOND STREET  
HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
(DARLINGTON COUNTY / PEE DEE EQC DISTRICT)  
AIR PERMIT NO. 0820-0012-CV**

Sonoco Products Company has applied to the SC DHEC for a construction permit to install and operate new and replacement equipment at its existing facility where virgin fiber and recycled paper products are produced. A Draft Construction Permit and Engineering Calculation (Green) Sheets have been prepared for this facility by DHEC's BAQ Office in Columbia, South Carolina, outlining this proposed project and applicable regulations under which the draft permit is subject to review. If approved, the draft construction permit will enable this facility to comply with applicable State and Federal Air Quality Regulations when operated in accordance with the conditions contained therein. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions, as set forth in the draft permit, are tentative and open to comment from the public and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sonoco Products Company is proposing to install a new thermal oxidizer and associated equipment to its chemical recovery process to meet the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 63 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants;" Subpart A "General Provisions" and Subpart MM "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills" (commonly referred to as MACT II). The thermal oxidizer will use both natural gas and No. 2 fuel oil. There is no production increase associated with this proposal. If approved, emissions at this facility that will either be increased or decreased as a result of this proposed project include Particulate Matter, Nitrogen Oxides, Sulfur Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide, Hazardous Air Pollutants, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Hydrocarbons. The facility has agreed to accept federally enforceable limits on fuel oil usage for this permit, which includes stringent monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. Air dispersion modeling has demonstrated that operation of the proposed project will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any State or Federal Standard. The draft construction permit will limit the facility's potential to emit to below Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) major source thresholds.

DHEC issued a Title V Operating (TV) Permit to this facility on December 19, 2001, after proper public notice and completion of a thirty (30) day comment period. The Department has identified the incorporation of the terms and conditions of Draft Construction Permit No. 0820-0012-CV into the existing TV permit as a minor modification in accordance with SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.70 "Title V Operating Permit Program." Therefore, if approved, and upon receipt of a minor modification request from the facility, the construction permit will be incorporated into the TV permit with no additional public comment period and/or hearing required. All emissions limitations and conditions contained in the draft construction permit have been written to ensure that this facility continues to operate in accordance with the requirements of the Title V Operating Permit Program for the State of South Carolina.

Interested persons may review the draft permit, green sheets, and other materials maintained and used by the DHEC in preparing this permit, and submit written comments (including the permit number and facility name), within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, to the attention of Mr. J. Robert Brown at the above DHEC address. All comments received within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice will be considered when making a final decision regarding the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional written and oral comments. If a public hearing is held, notice will be given in this publication thirty 30 days in advance. Requests for contested case hearings may be filed after a final decision has been made regarding the draft permit. Additional information regarding contested case hearings is available from the Office of General Counsel at the above DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Requests to be placed on a mailing list for notification of any future public notices or public hearings by the BAQ should be made in writing to the attention of Ms. Donna Moye at the above-listed DHEC address or by e-mail at: moyedd@dhec.sc.gov.

Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through November 2, 2003 at the DHEC Columbia Office

listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Pee Dee EQC District Office, 145 East Cheves Street, Florence, SC 29506 at (843) 661-4825.

Additional information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents must be requested in writing. There is a \$.25 per page charge to copy these documents. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.